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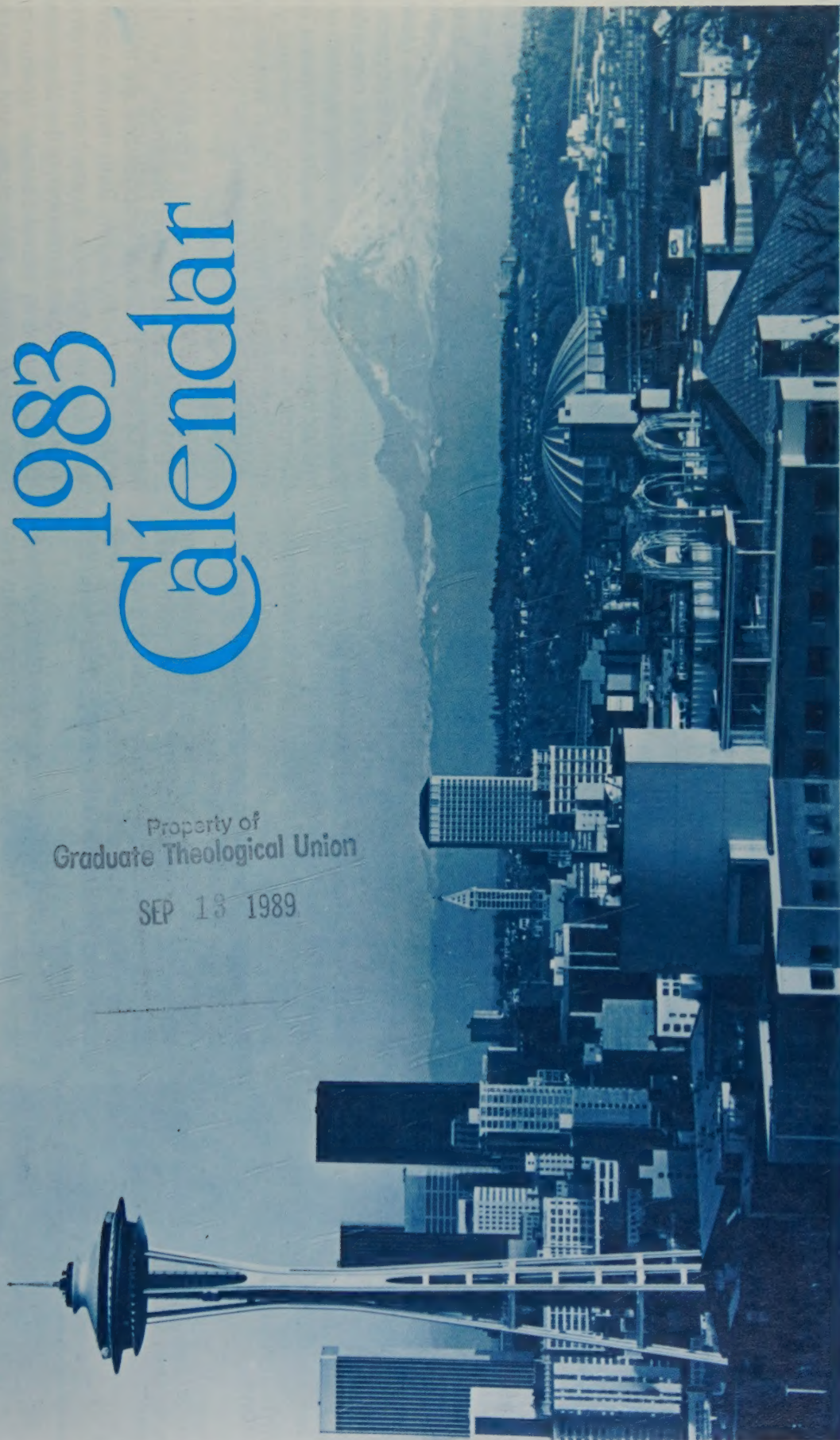


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COVER

A picture of the Seattle skyline, featuring the Space Needle, serves as a reminder of the 57th International Convention being held in Seattle, Washington, July 4-8, 1983. Mt. Rainier can be seen in the distance.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

President Billig takes a brief look back to the highlights of 1982 before presenting a challenge to go forward with Christian Endeavor in 1983.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH WITNESS

Endeavorers, individuals and groups, are encouraged to enter the 1983 Christian Youth Witness program. A summary of the awards to be presented is included.

1983 CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CALENDAR

A monthly pictorial calendar, highlighting the program of Christian Endeavor and listing dates of upcoming state and provincial activities, is provided for the readers of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

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The President's Corner

There is something fascinating about a calendar. It makes a person want to think back and also to look forward. I want to do both in this calendar issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

Without a doubt, the Second Century Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, was the highlight of the year. Just to see the many delegates from the various countries and to hear their thrilling reports about the advancement of Christian Endeavor in their areas gave a real encouraging note for the future.

During the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee, a Christian Endeavor booth was set up and manned for a day. Thousands were made aware of the ministry of Christian Endeavor and those who manned the booth reported that a large number of contacts were made with a good possibility of a number of new societies being formed.

Since 1982 was proclaimed as the "Year of the Pledge," I am pleased with the way the pledge has been promoted in the various areas. The importance of the Christian Endeavor Pledge was brought to the attention of many people during this past year.

We know that the main purpose of the International Society is to assist youth groups in the local church. One of the ways in which we fulfilled this purpose in 1982 was by sending out over 25,000 Junior and Youth Resource Packets to individuals and groups. These packets were sent without charge to the local church or society. Sponsors have told me how much they appreciate the packets in their work with the young people.

What's in store for Christian Endeavor in 1983? I believe the very best. Already, several groups have

made plans for Christian Endeavor Week. This is a time to announce to the world that Christian Endeavor is alive and well. It is also the time when the winners of the 1982 Sermon Contest on "The Importance of the Christian Endeavor Pledge" will be announced.

In the spring of 1983 the announcement of the winners in the Christian Youth Witness Awards program will be made. This has to be the finest program of its kind in North America. Young people have the opportunity, as individuals and groups, to make a witness for Christ right in their own communities and then share this witness with others throughout the world.

As I see it, the 57th International Christian Endeavor Convention, being held in Seattle, Washington, July 4-8, 1983, is going to be one of the best ever. The program committee has worked diligently in securing top-notch speakers. Evening speakers include Joni Eareckson Tada (author of *Joni* and *A Step Further*), Rev. James Murdoch (president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union), Dr. Nathaniel Jarrett (one of our own International leaders and a former vice-president of the International Society), and Dr. Anthony (Tony) Campolo (a popular and much in demand youth speaker throughout North America). With this lineup everyone should want to set aside July 4-8 for a real vacation with a purpose.

I also would like to throw out a challenge for 1983 to everyone who is reading this article. Two things that Christian Endeavor emphasizes are the Quiet Hour and the Tenth Legion. Both require a commitment. I would urge you, if you have not already done so, to become a member of the Quiet Hour in 1983 (promising to spend at least fifteen minutes every day in prayer, Bible study, and meditation) and to join the Tenth Legion (promising to give God one-tenth of whatever you receive). If you will accept this challenge, would you write to me and let me know about it.

Our calendar tells us that there are 365 days in 1983. As we think about this, let us remember what it says in Psalm 90:12: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom." Have a good year!



1983



1983 Youth Witness Program

ALBERT H. DIEBOLD AWARDS

For Individuals

First award — \$125 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$100) for the expenses of attending full time the 57th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Seattle, Washington, July 4-8, 1983.

Second award — \$100 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$75) for the expenses of attending full time the 57th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Seattle, Washington, July 4-8, 1983.

Third award — \$75 in cash.

Fourth award — \$50 in cash.

Three runners-up — \$25 in cash.

For Societies

First award — \$150 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$150) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives, who must be members of the award winning society, to attend full time the 57th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Seattle, Washington, July 4-8, 1983.

Second award — \$100 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$75) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives, who must be members of the award winning society, to attend full time the 57th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Seattle, Washington, July 4-8, 1983.

Third award — \$75 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$50) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives, who must be members of the award winning society, to attend full time the 57th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Seattle, Washington, July 4-8, 1983.

Fourth award — \$50 in cash.

Three runners-up — \$25 in cash.

Award plaques will be presented to all winners in each category and honor certificates to all other qualified entrants.

Judging— In judging major consideration will be given to the Christian witness in the community.

Presentation of awards — Awards will be presented during the 57th International Christian Endeavor Convention, Seattle, Washington, July 4-8, 1983.

This program is made possible by a generous gift in memory of Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City.

You can be part of this.

Deadline for mailing entries is February 15, 1983.

Write to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, OH 43216, for further details.

January

Francis E. Clark



On Wednesday, February 2, 1881, Rev. Francis E. Clark, pastor of the Williston Congregational Church in Portland, Maine, presented a challenge to his young people which resulted in the organization of the first Christian Endeavor Society.

His idea spread so rapidly that within a few years it had become a worldwide organization with local, state, and national unions spanning the globe.

The challenge included: (1) Personal commitment to Christ; (2) Growth in prayer and Bible study; (3) Participation in young people's meetings; and, (4) Support of the local church and its activities.

January Dates

- 28-30 Michigan Ski-ee Weekend Clear Lake Camp, Dowling
- 30 Christian Endeavor Week begins

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**Don Hudson and
Dr. LaVerne Boss**



The International Society of Christian Endeavor conducts a Christian Youth Witness Program annually to generate in Christian youth a desire to give witness to their faith in Jesus Christ and serve together for Christ and the Church in their community, nation, and world. February 15 is the deadline for entries to be mailed to the International Society. Dr. LaVerne Boss is pictured presenting to Don Hudson the first place individual award in the 1975 Program.

February Dates

- 2** Birthday of Christian Endeavor
- 6** Christian Endeavor Week ends
- 15** Deadline for mailing Christian Youth Witness entries

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Lucille Billig,
Lavern Billig, and
Timothy Kribs



The International Society of Christian Endeavor includes the United States, Canada, Mexico, and American Samoa. The president serves on a volunteer basis, is elected for a two-year term, and may serve a maximum of two terms. Here President Lavern Billig receives the presidential chain from outgoing president, Timothy J. Kribs, at the 1979 Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, while Mrs. Lavern Billig (Lucille) looks on.

March Dates

- 11-13** West Virginia Spring Happening,
Oglebay Park, Wheeling
- 11-17** New Jersey Advisors Training Session,
Keswick
- 24-27** Oregon Convention, Calvary
Presbyterian Church, Portland

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April

Japanese Endeavorers



The International Society of Christian Endeavor is affiliated with the World's Christian Endeavor Union. Today Christian Endeavor operates in more than seventy-five nations and islands around the world and is used by more than eighty different denominational church groups.

Here we see young people at a summer camp in Yokohama, Japan, with Rev. Takashi Oku, a vice-president of the World's Union.

April Dates

- 7-10** Washington State Convention, Everett
- 21-22** International Society Finance Committee Meeting, Liberty Corner, New Jersey
- 22-23** International Society Executive Committee Meeting, Liberty Corner, New Jersey
- 25-26** World's Union Executive Committee Meeting, Liberty Corner, New Jersey

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May

Rev. and Mrs. James Murdoch



The president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union is elected for a four-year term and serves in a volunteer relationship with Christian Endeavor.

Rev. James Murdoch was elected as the fifth president of the World's Union at the Second Century Conference held in Edinburgh, Scotland, August 6-9, 1982.

Jim and his wife, Betty, live at Killin, Perthshire, Scotland, since his retirement as pastor of the Larkhill Baptist Church in Lanarkshire.

May Dates

- 14** Ontario Christian Endeavor Day, Hamilton, Ontario
- 28-30** New York Convention, Sacandaga Camp, Broadalbin

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Christian Endeavor Tour

June



Christian Endeavor Fellowship Tours are conducted by the International Society to assist delegates in traveling to conventions while fellowshiping with other Endeavorers.

A train tour, Chicago to Seattle and return, is scheduled for June 30 through July 11 in conjunction with the 1983 International Convention being held in Seattle, Washington.

Pictured above are Endeavorers from North America who attended the 1980 German Christian Endeavor Convention in Giessen, Western Germany.

June Dates

- 17-19** Texas Convention, Mary Harden, Baylor University, Belton
- 20-24** West Virginia Convention, Warwick
- 22-25** North Carolina Junior Conference, Crestmont Assembly, Siler City
- 30** International Fellowship Tour begins

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Joy Simpson,
Ernest Mitchell, and
Bernie Smith



International Christian Endeavor Conventions are conducted every two years in the odd numbered years.

The 1983 Convention will be held on the campus of Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington.

Music has a prominent place in every convention. Joy Simpson, Ernest Mitchell, and Bernie Smith, pictured here, have participated in recent conventions.

July Dates

4- 8 57th International Convention, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington
11 International Fellowship Tour is concluded

10-16 New Jersey Junior High Summer Conference, Four Brooks, Pipersville, Pennsylvania

22-24 North Carolina Youth/Adult Conference, Crestmont Assembly Siler City

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Convention Delegates,
New Delhi, India,
1978

August



The World's Christian Endeavor Union conducts conventions every four years. The next convention is scheduled for Egypt in 1986. Delegates pictured here are attending the 1978 Convention in New Delhi, India.

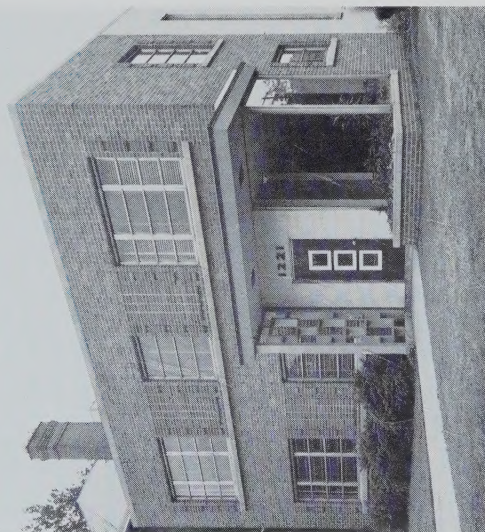
August Dates

- 1-6** Pennsylvania Summer Assembly,
Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove
- 7-13** New Jersey Junior Convention, Four
Brooks, Pipersville, Pennsylvania
- 8-13** Alabama Camp, Camp Chula Vista, Pell
City
- 9-13** Virginia Convention, Bridgewater
College, Bridgewater
- 13-20** New York Summer Assembly,
LaTourneau Christian Camp,
Canandaigua
- 14-20** St. Louis-Missouri Camp, Camp
Derricotti, Troy
- 19-21** Golden Rule Annual Conference,
Brethren Service Center, New Windsor,
Maryland
- 27** Illinois Alumni Luncheon, Danville

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Christian Endeavor
Headquarters

November



The Headquarters offices for both the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the World's Christian Endeavor Union are located in the Daniel A. Poling Building, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

The Headquarters was moved from Boston, Massachusetts, to Columbus in 1945 to be closer to the geographical center of the United States.

The Helen Lyons Jones Room located on the second floor is used as a conference room for small committee meetings and for the regular business meetings of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union.

The property is owned and operated by the International Society.

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December

Junior
Christian Endeavorers



Training of young people in the local church often starts with the junior-age level. Many churches have a Junior Christian Endeavor Society where dedicated sponsors work with these elementary age children, beginning to train them for service for Christ and His Church. Young people who have been trained in Junior societies often go on to become the best and most effective workers in Junior High and Senior High societies when they reach these age levels.

Each International and most State Conventions have special activities and educational conferences planned especially for these junior-age young people.

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Christian Endeavor Program Aids



1. Resource Manuals

Colorful three ring binders containing three years of resource materials are available for both youth and junior age levels. These binders are available without charge upon request.

Youth

2. Resource Packets

Packets are provided three times each year for groups and individuals requesting them. Each packet contains help for the sponsor, society planning and group activities, and topics for discussion.

Junior Resource

3. Packets

Packets are similar to the Youth Packets in format but are geared especially to young people sixth grade and under. A special junior sponsor section is found in each packet.

For Christ

4. and the Church

A textbook designed to assist youth groups in understanding the scope of the Christian Endeavor movement as well as its organization and operation within the local church. (\$2.95)

Materials alone don't ensure a vital youth program. They can't make up for lack of planning and hard work — but they do provide ideas. They can't do the job alone — but when dedicated, concerned leaders use them properly, they will be invaluable aids for a successful program.

The International Society provides such tools to assist the local church and its leaders in developing a meaningful youth group. To have an effective Christian Endeavor society in your church, your group should be equipped with the aids pictured above.

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